World Bank loan for power sector reforms to Rajasthan

2266. SHRI AIMADUDDIN AHMED KHAN (DURRU): Will the Minister of POWER be pleased to state:

(a) whether the World Bank has advanced loans for the reforms in the power sector of Rajasthan;

(b) if so, the details in this regard;

(c) whether a team of World Bank visited Jodhpur to review the development works done by the Electricity Companies there; and

(d) if so, what are the findings of the World Bank team on the power reforms of Rajasthan?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF POWER (SHRIMATI JAYAWANTI MEHTA): (a) Yes, Sir.

(b) The World Bank has sanctioned a loan of US$ 180 million for Rajasthan Power Sector Restructuring Project. The Project is effective from 2nd February, 2001 and scheduled to be closed on 30th June, 2005. By the end of January, 2003 the project has utilized US$ 17.686 million.

(c) Yes, Sir.

(d) The World Bank team has observed that the sector's financial situation continued to deteriorate due to inadequate financial support from the State Government and failure to file tariff petitions. The Bank team's principal area of concern is the financial health of the sector.

Power generation in Kerala

2267. SHRI A. VIJAYA RAGHAVAN: Will the Minister of POWER be pleased to state:

(a) whether there is a chance of virtual breakdown in Kerala's power generation since the reservoirs of all the hydel projects in the State are drying up fast;

(b) whether Competent Authority of Kerala has represented for charging a composite price of Rs. 2.50 per unit of electricity supplied from the Eastern Grid and the Kayamkulam station of the National Thermal Power Corporation; and

(c) if so, the details including the decision taken on the representation?